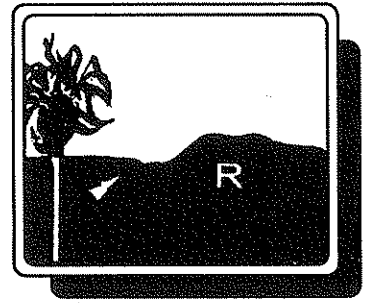


REDLANDS CHRONICLES



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Loma Linda, Bryn Mawr, and the Redlands Connection

Jim Shipp, Loma Linda Historical Commission

Monday, January 22, 7:00pm

Assembly Room, A.K. Smiley Public Library

We begin the new year with Jim Shipp speaking to us about Loma Linda, Bryn Mawr, and the Redlands connection. Jim Shipp is a former Seventh-Day Adventist minister, who now teaches third grade at Bryn Mawr Elementary School. The California elementary curriculum guide requires third grade teachers to teach about their community and its history. Jim began by developing a website about the history of Loma Linda in 1999. His quest for information to captivate his students about local history is still located at http://rims.k12.ca.us/foot_prints/index.html. Jim furthered his historical interests by becoming a member of the Loma Linda Historical Commission in 2000. He became the chairman of the commission in 2002.

Jim has a strong interest in preserving the historic places of Loma Linda, and is intent to preserve the Frink Adobe, the Curtis-Fisk House, the Cole House, the remains of the Zanja in the historical Mission Overlay District. Jim is currently president of the Loma Linda Area Parks and Historical Society, which maintains a website at www.lomalindahistory.org. He has expressed an interest to pursue a closer relationship with the Redlands Area Historical Society in mutual interests.

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Old House Group Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 7:00 pm

624 Alvarado Street

The OLD HOUSE GROUP will start the new year with their January Meeting on Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00 pm. Laura Vroman will be graciously hosting the meeting in her "HERITAGE AWARD" Winning home located at 624 Alvarado Street.

Dr. J. V. A. Love had this classic two story Craftsman-style house built in 1909 and it was referred to as the "Love" home. Laura's family hails from Rhode Island and they came to California in 1932 for a visit. Her Dad found the winters here in Redlands to be like the summers in Rhode Island so, after the family went back to Rhode Island, they returned to Redlands to look for a home with mild winters and to be close to Laura who had enrolled in the University of Redlands. They looked all around town and after considering homes on Sunset (a bit too far from the center of town), they found three houses on Alvarado Street they liked. They selected this home in 1933.

Laura's family has owned their house since 1933. They are the second owners of this family home. The original fireplace and woodwork highlight the hardwood floors that flow throughout most of the lower level. Carpet provides quiet and warmth in the bedrooms on the second floor. The home had six

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A Letter from your President...

Happy New Year 2007 to one and all! The previous year has proved to be fulfilling and challenging but let's get on to our New Year's Resolutions. Did you make any? My resolutions are only one or two which I know are obtainable; mostly I count my blessings at this time of year.

Before we continue into this new and exciting year, I want to thank those involved in the RAHS Annual Holiday Party. First, we must thank Bob and Norma Clark for opening their beautiful home to all our members. Second, Janet Cosgrove deserves a nod for securing the Clarks' home as our party site. Third, Sandie Green did a fabulous job pulling together the tasty munchies. Fourth, Renée Price needs a special "thanks" for the gorgeous red Poinsettia cookies. They were all made with her own two hands! Fifth, we must thank Larry and Char Burgess for putting us on their busy schedules and bringing a donated copy of Larry's new book *With Unbounded Confidence: A History of the University of Redlands*. Sixth, a "thank-you" to Gerald and Marilyn Sanders for becoming members in November 2006 and winning the book drawing. Last but not least, I would like to thank all of our many guests who came and enjoyed the evening with us. The party would not have been complete without each component. Thank you to each and every one of you!

Already our calendars are filling up with events, such as the Palm Avenue Walking Tour at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 13, 2007. Please join us for \$10 to hear the history of the historically significant homes along Palm. This is another tour led by our own Tom Atchley which will begin at Kendall Place (the Victorian housing the administrative offices for Plymouth Village). Then the following day a History Fair is being held in Loma Linda. Go hear about "Mound City" which predated Loma Linda.

We are starting to discuss this year's nominees for our 2007 Heritage Awards. If you know of a worthy candidate, that is at least 75 years of age and not currently on the market, or would like to nominate your own home please do so by contacting me at (909) 793-8424 or through our website www.rahs.org. Click on the link to email me at president@rahs.org. No need to know the exact date the home was built, just let us know the address and name plus phone number of the owner.

Finally, please join us at one of our General Membership meetings the fourth Monday of the month, January through April, or at an Old House Group meeting the third Wednesday of each month. Also, some Genealogical meetings will be coming up. Hope to see each of you soon.

Judith Hunt, President

Old House Group, continued

bedrooms but Laura - with the help of her son - has recently converted one of the bedrooms to a "hurling" room - where you can 'hurl' things out of the way when someone drops over (that would be a handy room to have).

The yard also includes a unique "rope" court (somewhat like croquet) that has been in place since 1932 plus shuffleboard and badminton areas. Laura has twin daughters and a son who spent his childhood days developing - among other things - a "Pet Cemetery" with Larry Burgess where they would bury "almost any animal that was dead" according to Corrine Bromberger. Laura and her late-husband Wilbur met the Brombergers at the Redlands Horticultural & Improvement Society's Flower Shows where Wilbur won many Best in Show Awards for the

iris he imported from around the world.

Laura has made this house her home since her late childhood. She finds it to be comfortable and just the right size. During our balmy summer afternoons, Laura enjoys "Pie on the Porch" with friends. Laura graduated from the UofR in 1936 and today - at 92 years young - she is one of the University's oldest Alumnae. Carrying on the family tradition of interest in flowers, Laura recently helped the RHIS Floral Design Group prepare bougainvillea blossoms for the UofR Centennial Rose Parade Float.

Laura, a world traveler, says she didn't fully understand her Dad's feelings about cold winters until she returned from a recent visit to Rhode Island. "The winters there have certainly grown colder since I left."

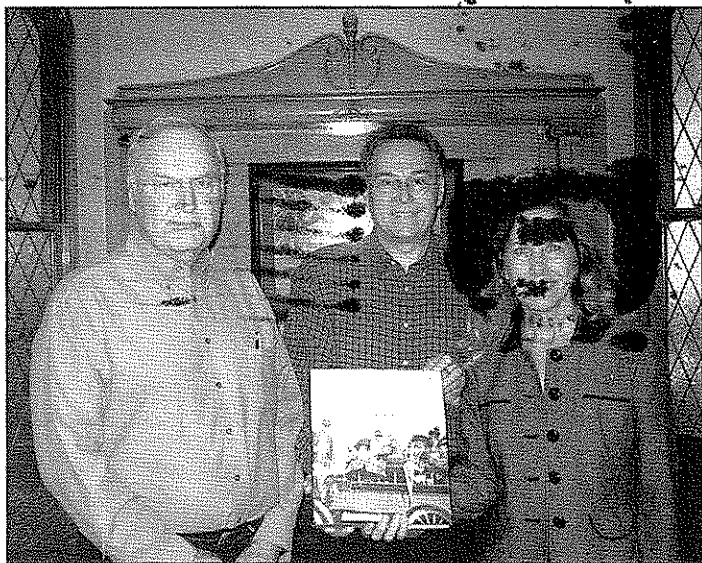
SEE YOU at LAURA'S HOUSE!

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Shipp and his son are currently restoring the historic Drew House, built about 1888, and once the property of Henry L. Drew, developer of Bryn Mawr. Jeremy Shipp, an accomplished writer, plans to live in the restored home once completed. Jeremy's first major novel, "Vacation," is due out this April.

Jim is the promoter of the Loma Linda Historical Commission's Annual History Fair. Their fourth fair is this Sunday January 14, 2007, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. The Fair will be held at the Loma Linda Senior Center, just behind City Hall, the Fire Station and the Branch Library. This is a great chance to see photos, artifacts, books, documents, and other items related to Loma Linda history and the surrounding area.

Jim has a power point program that is sure to delight all those that attend. Redlands Area Historical Society meetings are free and open to the public. We meet the fourth Monday of each month (Monday January 22) at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of A.K. Smiley Public Library.



Book Winners!

At the Annual Holiday Party of the Redlands Area Historical Society on December 12, 2006, a drawing was held for memberships which had been collected to date. The prize was Larry Burgess's newest book *"With Unbounded Confidence: A History of the University of Redlands"*. The winners are Gerald and Marilyn Sanders of Redlands.

The Sanders' just became members of the Society in November 2006. They opened their 1904 home on East Fern to the Society Old House Group in March 2006. Congratulations to the Sanders' for winning this prized local bit of history!

Walking Tour of Palm Avenue Saturday January 13th at 9:00 a.m.

The Redlands Area Historical Society is sponsoring a historical walking tour of Palm Avenue Saturday January 13th beginning at 9:00 a.m. from the Charles Kendall Adams home (Plymouth Village) at 120 East Palm. The tour leader is Tom Atchley, vice president of the historical society. The tour cost is a \$10.00 donation to the RAHS preservation fund. No reservations are required and Judith Hunt, President of the Historical Society, will collect the donations.

The walking tour will travel west on Palm Avenue and end at West Palm and San Mateo. Parking another vehicle on West Palm near San Mateo is suggested for those that do not want to walk back on Palm at the end of the tour. Atchley will discuss the architecture of the homes as well as the people that lived on the street from the 1880s to 1920s.

Palm Avenue has many Heritage Home Awards from the historical society. The historical society began recognizing homes and businesses in 1975. Charles Kendall Adams 120 E. Palm, Edward P. Tuck 24 W. Palm, Clinton G. Gaylord 159 W. Palm, Oscar W. Harris 206 W. Palm, Thomas Jeffery 405 W. Palm, Francis Hunt Billings 417 W. Palm, Norman Barker 519 W. Palm, Marie L. Hegardt 635 W. Palm, Russell J. Waters 709 W. Palm, William Brooks 850 W. Palm, John W. Wilson 860 W. Palm, Helen Squires 1015 W. Palm, and Cornelia A. Hill 1113 W. Palm are all Heritage Home Award winners.

Palm Avenue offers a variety of architectural styles from Victorian, Italianate, Greek Revival, Craftsman, Eastman Stick, Classic Box, California Bungalow, and California Ranch. Many homes were considered mansions with domestic help, cooks, teamsters, and laborers all finding shelter. Many orange growers, downtown businessmen, teachers, carpenters, wealthy manufacturers, doctors, water entrepreneurs, and land developers have lived there.

The tour should take about two hours and end close to 11:00 a.m. at Palm and San Mateo. Good walking shoes and a light coat for the brisk January morning are recommended.

Newsletter Deadline

All RAHS members are encouraged to submit articles for the *Redlands Chronicles* to Nathan Gonzales at ngonzales@akspl.org by the 1st of each month.